



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Franky Lee History: chronic alp elevation, history of arthritis, skin dz no current meds.
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Found high ALP on routine senior labs. ALP is 556 now, was 380 a year ago. Rest of CBC, chem normal. Has dilute urine with UTI

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Pitbull Terrier

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

12

WEIGHT

80 lbs

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness. The mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is distended. Luminal contents are anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal in size (7.04 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal-to-mild corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

The right kidney is normal in size (7.26 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal-to-mild corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.58 cm at cranial pole) (0.59 cm at caudal pole) with a normal shape and homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The caudal pole of the right adrenal gland is visualized and is normal in size (0.68 cm in width) with a normal shape. glandular echogenicity and detail. Surrounding vasculature is normal.

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (1.94 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. There parenchyma is subtly heterogenous in appearance. A 2.5 x 1.9 cm ill-defined, hypoechoic-to-heterogenous focus is observed just distal to the hilus. Splenic vasculature is normal.

Liver

The liver is subjectively normal-in-size, with normal peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen and diffusely homogeneous in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small-to-moderate amount of gravity-dependent, echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

Gastrointestinal

The lumen is mildly distended with ingesta. The gastric wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

Pancreas

The region of the pancreas is isoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No obvious parenchymal abnormalities are observed. There is no evidence of regional inflammation or effusion.



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Lymph Nodes

The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

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Free Abdomen

The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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Primary Findings

- The diffuse hepatic changes are most consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy (i.e., endocrine, idiopathic) with a lower possibility of inflammatory disease, infiltrative neoplasia, or other hepatopathy.

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- Gallbladder debris, non-mucocele

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Secondary Findings

- Minor bilateral age-related renal changes

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- The splenic parenchymal changes are most consistent with a benign process such as lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, splenitis or antigenic stimulation with a lower possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia). The ill-defined heterogenous lesion just distal to the splenic hilus may represent a benign process (i.e., focus of lymphoid hyperplasia or similar) or an emerging tumor.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Hepatic tissue sampling (i.e., aspirates or biopsies) can be considered (assuming normal clotting status). However, results may be of low yield. If tissue sampling is not pursued at this time, serial monitoring (i.e., every 3-4 months) of the patient's liver values is recommended. If values continue to increase, a repeat abdomen ultrasound +/- a more advanced hepatic work-up (i.e., tissue sampling) may be warranted.
- Regarding the splenic changes, consider fine-needle aspiration (assuming normal clotting status). A 25-gauge needle should be used. Alternatively, consider a recheck ultrasound in 1-2 months to assess for change.

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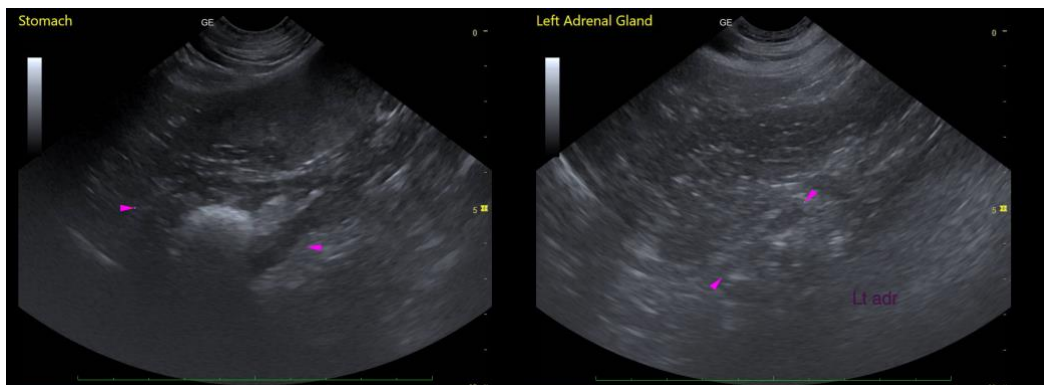
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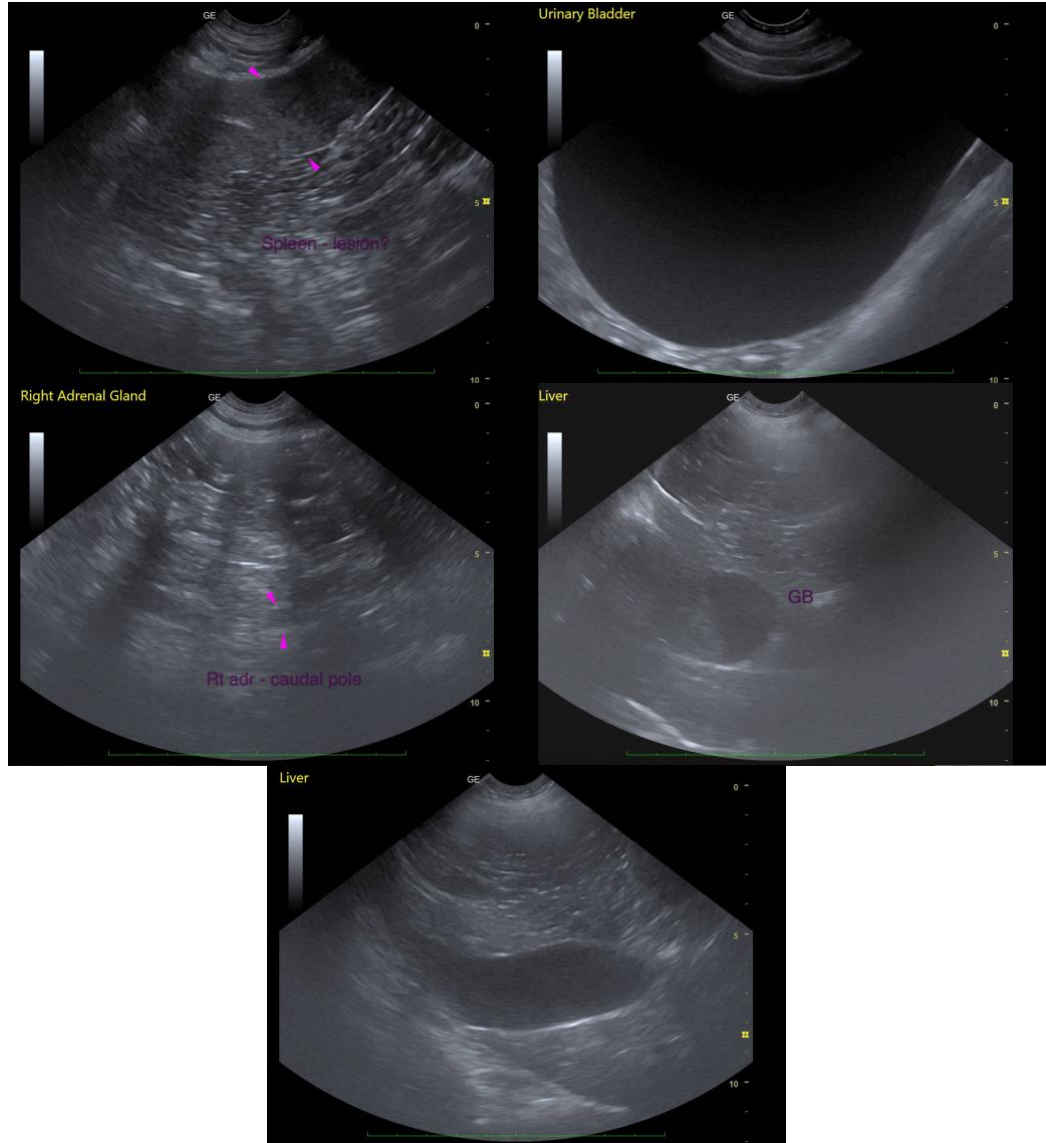
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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